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## J. Kevin Stitt Office of the Governor State of Oklahoma

## **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE ORDER 2019-39**

I, J. Kevin Stitt, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to the power vested in me by Sections 1 and 2 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, hereby establish the Governor's Aerospace and Autonomous Systems Council ("Council").

The Council shall consist of between eight (8) and twelve (12) members, who shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Secretary of Science and Innovation shall chair the Council and may select a vice-chair.

The purpose of the Council shall be to review all aspects of the development of Aerospace and Autonomous Systems (AAS) and related technologies in the state, including, but not limited to, research and development, workforce development, economic development, and capital investment. For the purposes of this Council, Aerospace and Autonomous Systems shall principally denote activities in science, engineering, aerospace, business and other disciplines associated with aerospace and manned or unmanned autonomous or semi-autonomous systems in space, on the ground, and on or within bodies of water including lakes, rivers, and oceans. As part of this process, the Council shall define and periodically review an AAS strategic plan for the State of Oklahoma, and present such a strategic plan, and any proposed changes to existing strategic plans, to the Governor. The Council shall also act in an advisory capacity to the Governor on all issues related to AAS and related technology and economic development.

Administrative support for the Council, including, but not limited to, personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance of the duties and responsibilities of the Council, shall be provided by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

Council members will be selected from various areas including postsecondary education, the private sector, federally recognized Indian tribes, state agencies, non-profit organizations and appropriate federal agencies located in the state. Council members employed by a state agency shall be reimbursed travel expenses related to their service on the Council by their respective state agency as authorized by state law. Council members employed by a federal agency shall be reimbursed travel expenses related to their service on the Council by their respective federal agency as authorized by federal law. Legislative members of the Council shall be reimbursed by their respective legislative bodies for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as authorized by state law. Remaining Council members shall be reimbursed travel expenses related to their service on the Council as authorized by state law by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

This Executive Order shall be distributed to the Secretary of Science and Innovation and the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, who shall cause the provisions of this Order to be implemented.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City this 17 day of September, 2019.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

J. Kevin Stitt

ATTEST:

Michael Rogers, SECREJARY OF STATE